Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Employees of the United States government devote their working lives to improving the quality of life and guaranteeing freedom for all citizens of the United States; and,

Whereas, The United States government recognizes the resources of its existing and retired workforce and seeks to honor its commitment by offering civil service employees adequate benefits upon retirement; and,

Whereas, National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) was organized on February 19, 1921, by 14 federal retirees with the mission of protecting the earned rights and livelihood of civil service retirees, and has grown to include 400,000 members, with federations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Panama, Guam, the Virgin Islands and the Republic of the Philippines; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota federation charter was duly signed in Washington, D.C., on May 28, 1968, and currently has 17 chapters and 2,000 members who enhance the material and social well-being of our state through volunteerism in their communities and financial aid to the nationwide Alzheimer's Research Fund. Nationwide, over $7 million have been donated for research within the past 6 years; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota are deeply appreciative of the contributions NARFE members make to our state and its respective communities; and,

Whereas, On May 8-10, 2006, the South Dakota Federation of NARFE Chapters is holding its Annual Convention in Rapid City, South Dakota, hosted by the chapters in Rapid City, Custer and Hot Springs:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 8-12, 2006, as

ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State